(b) and (c) The State-wise area and productivity of cashew, for the year 1996-97 are given below:—

State	Area (hectare)	Productivity (Kg/hectare)
Kerala	1,19,000	1140
Karnataka	85,000	690
Goa	51,000	430
Maharashtra	80,000	1570
Tamil Nadu	79,000	390
Andhra Pradesh	1,21,000	830
Orissa	1,05,000	670
West Bengal	9,000	870
Others	10,000	870
TOTAL:	6,59,000	835

(d) and (e) Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Integrated Development of Cashew since the 8th Plan, which inter-alia envisages increasing the area under cashew. The additional area proposed to be brought under cashew during 1998-99 and 9th Plan is given below:—

(Area in Hectare)

State	1998-99	9th Plan
Kerala	1600	3050
Karnataka	2100	4650
Goa	2100	5200
Maharashtra	17600	37700
Tamil Nadu	3200	7950
Andhra Pradesh	2550	7500
Orissa	6000	14150
West Bengal	350	750
Madhya Pradesh	550	1300
Manipur	300	600
Meghalaya	250	550
Nagaland	150	500
Tripura	250	600
Assam	—	300
Pondicherry	350	550
A&N Islands	—	50
TOTAL:	37350	85400

Field trials on transgenic cotton

963. SHRI J. CHITHARANIAN:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra Hybrid Seed Company (Mahyco) which is in collaboration with Monsanto has been given permission for field trials on transgenic cotton on 40 plots of land in nine States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Approval for conducting limited research field trials on transgenic Bt cotton at 25 locations and at 15 locations was given on 27.07.1998 and 05.08.1998 respectively by the Department of Biotechnology, Details are enclosed as Statement.

Statement

Permission to carry out multicentric experimental field trials on transgenic cation at the following 25 locations was given on 27.7.1998. In each location/site the approved plot size is about 405 sq. meters (22.5 meters x *18 meters)*

State	S.No.	District	Tehsil/Mandal	Village
Andhra Pradesh			Rentachinthala	Rentachinthala
	1.	Guntur	Bijnepalli	Manganur
	2.	Mahaboobnagar	Madira	Dendukur
	3.	Khammam	Pagadiala	Nagatur
	4.	Kurnool		

State	S.No.	District	Tehsil/Mandal	Village
	5.	Warangal	Atmakur	Vurugonda
	6.	Rangareddy	Vikarabad	Kothagadi
	7.	Adilabad	Adilabad	Ponnari
Maharashtra	8.	Yavatmal	Kelapur	Both
	9.	Jalna	Bhokardan	Viregoan
	10.	Pharbani	Sailu	Khola
	11.	Nanded	Nanded	Barad
	12.	Buldana	Malkapur	Lonwadi
	13.	Jalgoan	Chalisgaon	Umberkhede
Gujarat	14.	Vadodara	Karjan	Pingarwada
	15.	Rajkot	Gondal	Bhuvana
Karnataka	16.	Raichur	Sindhanur	Maladagudda
	17.	Bellary	Hagari Bommanahalli	Ranikkar
	18.	Dharwad	Haven Hangal	Adur
Madhya Pradesh	19.	Khargone	Barwah	Keeduh
	20.	Khandwa	Burhanpur	Mohammadpura
Haryana	21.	Hissar	Hissar	Mayar
Punjab	22.	Bhatinda	Talwandi	Malserkhana
Rajasthan	23.	Sriganganagar	Kesri Singhpur	Chak22F
Tamil Nadu	24.	Theni	Theni	Veerapandi
	25.	Dharmapuri	Uttamkarai	Kannanoor

Permission to carry out multicentric experimental field trials on transgenic cotton at the following 15 locations was given on 05.8.1998. In each location/site the approved plot size is *about 1394 sq. meters (36 meters X 38.7 meters)*

State	S.No.	District	Tehsil/Mandal	Village
Andhra Pradesh	1.	Prakasam	Addanki	Gopalapurum
	2.	Karimnagar	Vemulwada	Pushpanagar
	3	Rangareddy	Rangareddy	Medchal
	4.	Rangareddy	Shamshabad	Kavvaguda
Maharashtra	5.	Latur	Udgir	Lohara
	6.	Amravali	Warud	Warud
	7.	Jalna	Jalna	Jamwadi
	8.	Akola	Telhara	Chittalwadi
Gujarat	9.	Mehsana	Gozaria	Parssa
Karnataka	10.	Chttradurga	Harihar	Duggavathi
	11.	Haveri	Ranebcnnur	Kumbey
Haryana	12.	Sirsa	Mandi Dabwali	Allika
	13.	Gurgaon	Farrukhnagar	Sewari
Punjab	14.	Firozpur	Abhor	Rajowali
Tamilnadu	15.	Coimbatore	Valampalayam	Kondayampalayam